

## Tennis Club Organizes For 1934 Season

A driving snowstorm and 20 degrees of frost failed to subdue the enthusiasm of a small group of tennis fans who gathered for the annual meeting of the Bassano Tennis Club last Tuesday evening in Wm. McLaws' office.

Officers elected for the 1934 season are as follows:

President, L. N. Whitehorn  
 Vice-pres. and treas. Robt. Donaldson  
 Secretary, Wm. McLaws  
 Executive, Miss Grace Scheer, M. A. Haynes, and George Stiles.

Entertainment committee, Mrs. L. E. Newby, Miss Florence Playfair, and G. Flak.

Wm. McLaws was re-elected club captain.

Fees were fixed at \$5 for gentlemen, \$3 for ladies, and \$2 for juniors, with a \$5 family ticket for juniors.

The local club will affiliate with the Alberta Lawn Tennis Association this year.

Pres. Whitehorn brought up the subject of forming a district including clubs from Milo, Strathmore, Gleichen, Brooks, and Bassano for the purpose of holding tournaments and selecting representatives to the provincial championship tournament. Similar districts are being organized in other sections of southern Alberta, and the four best men and four best lady players from each district will attend the provincial tourney. All members at the meeting favored the plan, and Pres. Whitehorn was authorized to represent the Bassano Club of the district tournament committee which will likely be formed to work out the details of play.

Activity is also stirring in the local junior tennis club. At a junior meeting held recently George Stiles was elected president, Gordon Smith vice president, and R. Bassarab secretary treasurer.

## "The Tropical Valley" To be Seen in Pictures

Alberta Game Commissioner Will Bring Illustrated Lecture to Bassano

The wonders of the "Tropical Valley," that mysterious and interesting spot in northern British Columbia, will be described by S. H. Clark, Alberta game commissioner, who will deliver a lecture in Bassano at a date in the latter part of April.

Mr. Clark is coming here under the auspices of the local Fish and Game Association. Dr. A. G. Scott, one of the chief officers of this body, mentioned April 25 as the date of Mr. Clark's lecture, but that has not been decided.

## ROSEMARY NEWS

ROSEMARY, March 28. Roy Nott on made a business trip to Bassano Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Eastman and Jean, and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Norton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Loewen and children left Saturday for Winnipeg where they will make their home.

W. Loewen and his mother left Saturday for their new home in British Columbia.

J. McClelland has been doing some threshing and grinding in this neighborhood.

School will close Thursday for the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall and family and Wm. Wilson spent a few days in Calgary this week.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. W. Clark, who received the sad news of the death of her father, Mr. Stewart, of Victoria, B. C. Mrs. Clark left Friday night for Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ankrum and Lois were visitors at the Gellings home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Narum motored over from Majorville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ankrum had as dinner guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Narum, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Narum and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McHale, and Mrs. Young.

Mrs. MacLeod, Dorothy and Audrey returned Friday after a short visit in Medicine Hat.

The management of the baseball club wish to thank all who helped make the dance last Friday night a success.

## IDDESLEIGH YOUTH DIES

James Steeves, 15 years of age, died in the Bassano Hospital at 4:20 p.m. Saturday, March 24, following an operation for acute appendicitis. He was the son of F. M. Steeves, Idlesleigh farmer.

## HUSSAR NEWS

HUSSAR, March 27.—The rollicking comedy "June Time," which was staged under the auspices of the local U. F. A. on Friday evening was a splendid success. Those taking part were: Mrs. V. Hansen, Miss Jean Plumer, Mrs. J. M. Wheatley, Mr. and Mrs. P. Rogers, L. C. Tor-neson, and Frank Campbell. Each member of the cast gave an excellent portrayal of the character represented, and the whole entertainment was splendid. Between the second and third acts little Miss Esther Brown danced beautifully the Highland Fling and Irish Lilt, accompanied at the piano by Miss Ruth Brown. The hall was crowded to capacity with an audience from Standard, Chancellor, and Hussar and vicinity. J. M. Wheatley was chairman and C. T. Armstrong floor manager for the jolly dance that followed. The U. F. A. served the lunch. The venture was a success, financially, too, as about \$70 was cleared.

At a recent meeting of the Hussar Stampede Association further plans were made for the stampede to be held here on May 24. At the meeting of the Alberta Stampede Managers' Association in Calgary on March 24, Emery LeGrandeur represented Hussar, which will have the only official stampede on May 24. Hussar's 1934 officers are: W. G. Nelson president, F. R. Reeves secretary, H. D. Brown treasurer, directors, E. A. Holland, R. E. Snellings, O. Christensen, T. L. Montgomery, E. J. Bell, E. LeGrandeur will be stampede manager. J. C. Lawson assistant manager. There will be a big dance in the evening. It is probable that the Athletic Association will hold a sports meet in the forenoon, and that the boy scouts and girl guides, as well as other organizations, will be granted concessions for booths. Another meeting will be held on Monday evening for further discussion of plans.

The Hussar High School Association met in the school house on Tuesday evening with about 15 present. The constitution was adopted. Mrs. E. LeGrandeur was convener of the program committee. A discussion took place over the "Responsibility of the home to the repeater." Principal C. A. Weekes delighted the gathering with several songs, accompanied by Miss Reeves at the piano. Miss Isabelle Haigh played the piano. All took part in a spelling match. Next meeting will be held on April 17.

Easter and communion services were held at the school house on Sunday, March 25. Rev. A. R. Aldridge of Ogden motored over from Rockyford to hold these services here and also at Chancellor. Next services will be held here on April 22, at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bell, Miss Margaret Bell and W. D. Moffat motored down from Calgary on Friday in time for the play.

Medames T. Lawson, T. H. Clark, T. Anthony, and H. E. Rollason motored to Calgary on Wednesday to attend the W. I. convention and returned on Friday morning.

Gordon LeGrandeur returned to Rocky Mountain House on Thursday, and Mr. E. LeGrandeur came home on Saturday.

A recital of Miss Margaret Bell's music pupils of Bassano, Cassils, and Hussar will take place in the Presbyterian Church, Bassano, on Saturday, April 14, at 8:15 p.m. Half the net proceeds will go to the Bassano Presbyterian Church, one-quarter to the Cassils "Friends," and one-quarter to the Hussar Girl Guides.

The curling club met, March 25. They are going to repair the cistern at the tank. They are planning to put on a dance sometime in April. The financial report showed the club has made expenses this year. The weather prevented much curling, but the members took advantage of every cold spell, and got in all the curling possible.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. J. V. Elliott on Thursday afternoon, and the guides with Miss Marjorie Elliott on Thursday evening.

Mrs. E. A. Holland is ill in the Bassano Hospital.

Miss Ruth Brown was ill on Sunday.

School will close on Thursday for the Easter vacation. C. Kirby will spend the holiday in Vancouver.

Mrs. T. L. Montgomery left Calgary on Sunday for a three weeks' visit with friends and relatives at Vancouver.

## BASEBALL DANCE APRIL 20

The Bassano Baseball Club will hold a whist drive and dance Friday, April 20, with the Scarlet Serenaders playing the music. The club will give a prize to the holder of the lucky admission ticket. Manager Lloyd Roach has not yet announced what the prize will be, but he says it may be a turkey.

## New Rector For Anglican Church

Rev. Canon W. J. Merriek, M. A., now rector of Clarendon and Nanton, has accepted the appointment of rector of Brooks and Bassano. He will take charge May 1.

Mr. Merriek is a bachelor, an Oxford graduate, and a senior member in the diocese.

Rev. Canon R. D. Harrison, who has resigned to go to England, will preach his farewell sermon in Bassano April 22.

## Irrigation Farmers Review Difficulties

Government Committee Told Lethbridge Northern Irrigation Farmers Cannot Carry on Under Present Conditions.

EDMONTON, March 27.—Lethbridge Northern Irrigation affairs were again under consideration Tuesday at a meeting of the railways, telephones, and irrigation committee of the legislature, with a third session on the question to follow Wednesday, when views of the government administration will be presented.

Four farmer witnesses from the district gave further evidence as to the difficulties of irrigation farming under present conditions, agreeing that the situation had become critical and that with prices at their present level it was impossible for settlers to carry the burden of accumulated debts. That land valuations be cut in half was one of the suggestions put forward during the hearing.

A new angle of the situation developed in the testimony of another witness who pointed out that the educational interests of the district were endangered thru inability of settlers to pay their school taxes, and who argued strongly for a change in the act to give such taxes priority instead of the irrigation rates, as at present.

## Weeds Killing Crops

Noxious weeds had been the undoing of successful farming on Lethbridge irrigated lands, said William R. Hughes, the first witness before the committee. For 22 years he had farmed there and odds he had seen land that once produced 52 bushels to the acre drop to 10 bushels because of weeds. Canadian thistles were the great enemy, and spread all the faster with the various measures to get rid of them. "Irrigation seems to be doing something to the land that is hurting it," the witness observed. "It is either adding some injurious element or taking away some virtue from the soil, and we don't know which it is."

"Prices will have to go up," said the witness when asked to suggest a remedy, "and while that applies to dry farmers also, the irrigation farmers have heavier overhead. Their load of debt must be lightened. I would suggest the government should cut the valuation of the Wilson commission by 50 per cent., as this would give fresh courage. So long as a charge of 65 an acre faces the settler, it is an impossible situation. A rate of \$1 an acre for water service and taxes is the most we can pay."

## COUNTESS NEWS

COUNTESS, March 28. Mrs. O. Swanson and Mr. Hatley went to Wetaskiwin, Alta., last week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Swanson. Mrs. Swanson returned on Wednesday of this week. Mr. Hatley will remain in the north country for the summer.

Mrs. J. Newman will return home from Calgary next week. She has been in the city for several weeks taking treatment.

Everything is ready for the big dance at Countess April 6. Don't forget that the Scarlet Serenaders will be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Mero and family moved to Coaldale this week.

Mrs. P. Sorenson entertained a number of Countess ladies on Thursday. The afternoon was spent in quilting.

Miss Isabelle McRoberts, of Calgary, who is attending normal school, is practice teaching at Countess this week.

M. H. Gamble took a trailer load of fat hogs to Calgary on Friday.

H. Cowan was a visitor in Calgary on Monday.

A number of Countessites took in the dance at Latham Friday evening.

## GEM NEWS

GEM, March 28.—Plans for the Easter dance to be held on Easter Monday in the Gem school are now well in hand. The services of our local four-piece orchestra have been engaged. They include Bert Keeling, piano; Fitch Keeling saxophone; S. James, banjo, and C. Marquess, drums. They are prepared to give a program of the latest dance music, and a large crowd is anticipated. Dancing will commence at 8:30 p.m. prompt, with G. Deickman in charge. Mr. Deickman will introduce the lemon dance, also the card, spot, and elimination and balloon dances during the evening. Mrs. Hyve and B. Williams, accompanied by Miss G. Fortney at the piano, will sing well known songs.

Several donations of needlework will be auctioned off, and a St. Patrick's cushion and a gentleman's outfit (Yardley's) will be raffled during the evening. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the dances. Admission 25 cents each person. Refreshments, ice cream, etc., will be served at a small charge. No charge so bring all your quarters, dimes, and nickels, and have a real good time on Easter Monday night.

Gem school will close on Thursday for the Easter vacation. The pupils will enjoy ten days' holiday.

On Saturday evening J. Sparks with Mrs. Sparks entertained quite a number of friends and neighbors for two of our new settlers who are leaving this district for B. C.—Mr. A. Enns and Mr. Jacob Nickel were the two guests of the evening. They left this week for B. C. where they hope to continue farming.

F. Cerny arrived home on Tuesday from the north where he has a homestead.

The Gem Sunday school choir is preparing a program of hymns suitable for the feast of Easter to be presented Sunday next.

The Junior U. F. A. met on Saturday evening with quite a number of the young set in Gem present. During business discussion it was decided to have a box social, program, and dance on April 13. Later, a very interesting program was provided. The Juniors plan to have some good times and are very enthusiastic to have all the younger folks of the community attend.

Miss C. Unger and Mr. John Weiss were united in marriage last Friday, March 23. Mr. C. Seemans was the officiating clergyman. The young couple are making their home in the colony.

Mrs. E. Jones is enjoying a few days' visit with Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Jones plans to leave for the Wintering Hills in the near future to remain there for the summer.

L. Standen and F. Rumble were Saturday business visitors to Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Pollock, Mrs. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller enjoyed Sunday with Mrs. R. Robson.

Mrs. Cerny Sr. was taken to the Bassano Hospital on Sunday afternoon. She is still a patient there.

Gem baseball club is putting on a big dance on March 30, excellent music, refreshments, novelty dances. A large crowd is anticipated.

Several Gentiles attended the Rosemary dance on Friday night and enjoyed the evening in spite of the bad roads and the long distance.

Hundreds of wild geese flow over the colony on Tuesday afternoon during a heavy snowstorm.

Our new settlers held a sale of work on Thursday evening in the schoolroom. A large number of pieces of needlework were offered for sale, and a fairly amount was raised by this effort. The proceeds were in aid of the Mennonite missionaries.

## PIANO FALLS OFF TRUCK

A piano owned by A. G. Bond was damaged when it fell off W. S. Playfair's truck last Saturday afternoon as the machine turned the corner of the street intersection in front of McLaws' residence by the crew of the piano.

The piano was loaded at the Wm. McLaws' residence by the crew of Benner's Transfer, who had a contract to haul Mr. Bond's furniture to Hanna. Benner's Transfer engaged Playfair's truck to pick up a few pieces of furniture for delivery to the van. The truck was turning the corner to go west and around behind J. W. Bulmer's home when the accident happened.

Mr. Playfair has disclaimed responsibility for the accident. He stated that Benner's Transfer crew was in charge of the loading of the furniture, and that they should have attended to the proper loading of the piano and guarded it when the truck was in motion.

## Board Asks For Protection of Foods

Danger of Contamination or Taint Voiced in Resolution Recommending Investigation and Protective Measures

Without argument, debate, or discussion, the Bassano Board of Trade passed a resolution at their Wednesday meeting recommending that the Alberta Department of Health investigate complaints that foodstuffs are being transported in common carriers under conditions which may result in contamination or taint, and if such complaints are well founded, the local board recommends that the practice of conveying foodstuffs in such manner be prohibited.

The resolution barely passed, nine voting for and seven against.

The resolution was brought in by the public affairs committee, delegated to investigate the matter, but the committee itself was divided in opinion on the point.

The resolution is worded as follows: "Whereas complaint has been made that common carriers (including trucks and express cars) are not prohibited from carrying foodstuffs in the same vehicle with live stock and other goods liable to contamination and adversely affect the quality of said foodstuffs, and whereas such practices are said to exist, therefore, the Board resolves that the matter be referred to the Minister of Public Health with the recommendation that such practices be investigated and if found to exist be prohibited by statute or regulation."

## Hold-Out in Park Site

Two owners of lots lying within the boundaries of the proposed new athletic park west of the school are still holding out for \$1600, reported Wm. McLaws of the public affairs committee. The problem of acquiring these lots was referred to the town council with a recommendation that expropriation proceedings be commenced.

## Drop Phone Rental Problem

The board dropped the investigation of telephone rentals when it was suggested that the telephone department might consider reducing the 24-hour phone service to one of shorter hours. The enquiry was started a few weeks ago when a member contended that lower monthly rentals should follow the decline in the number of local telephones.

Dr. A. G. Scott, chairman of the entertainment committee, suggested that Magistrate Scott, of Calgary, be invited to give his lecture, "The European Crisis," in Bassano. This matter was left with the entertainment committee.

## Students Win Debate Against Test System

Daily school tests are not beneficial to students.

That was the contention of the victorious debating team of Archie Johnston and Miss Winnifred Playfair who took the negative side of the argument in the debate held by the Bassano High School Literary Society last Friday afternoon.

The debate was on the question, "Resolved, that the system of high school daily tests is beneficial to students," and the affirmative side was taken by Miss Phyllis Plumer and Robt. Donaldson.

In the opinion of the judges, Rev. John Hart, Wm. McLaws, and W. K. Webb, the negative team had the better of the argument. Both Miss Playfair and Archie Johnston marshalled a strong array of facts and presented them in forceful manner.

Rev. Mr. Hart briefly addressed the literary society after the debate. He pointed out weak spots in the arguments of both teams, and made a few helpful suggestions.

## CANDY DEMONSTRATION AND SALE AT W. I. MEETING

A meeting of the Bassano W. I. was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday, March 20. After the regular business was disposed of, Mrs. H. A. Holmes, assisted by Mrs. H. D. Bacon, gave a demonstration of candy making, followed by a sale of home-made candy.

A number of visitors were present and expressed their pleasure in the interesting and profitable afternoon spent by all.

Mrs. Geo. Murdoch was appointed delegate to the institute convention held in Calgary.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at the home of Mrs. H. D. Bacon.

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Almea Semple McPherson Hutton, the feminine Billy Sunday of Los Angeles, has announced her intention to visit Calgary this summer. She probably wants to see what a real cow town looks like.

The Joneses and the Smiths have just about dominated American and British golf the last ten years but today the fame of the Joneses seems to be on the wane. Bobby Jones, the game's greatest exponent when he retired only four short years ago, is today just another golfer. The mighty Jones finished far down the line in the invitation tournament at Augusta, Georgia, a few days ago. Jones fell from the heights, but a Smith, Horton by name, won the tournament.

#### A NEW DEAL FOR THE IRRIGATION FARMER?

These are evil days for the farmer and especially for the farmer in the provincial government Lethbridge Irrigation Block.

Department officials this week have been hearing reports from these farmers, and they tell of the difficulties they are facing today in trying to finance high priced land with the returns from low priced products.

Sweeping changes in the administration of the government irrigation scheme, ranging from elimination of all arrears to a 50 per cent reduction in land values and much lower interest and water rates, are suggested as remedies.

Out of the mass of evidence being heard the committee of investigation hopes to get sufficient information to enable them to shape a plan of recovery for the irrigation block.

Farmers on the C. P. R. Eastern Irrigation Block are in a better position than farmers on the Lethbridge Northern. The C. P. R. has made certain concessions and yearly agreements on a crop share basis that is helping meet the situation here, but these measures are only temporary and they give the farmer no security for the future.

It is quite probable that important changes will be made in the Lethbridge Northern project as a result of the present investigation. These changes may have some influence in shaping the future policy of the C. P. R. Eastern Section.

#### NEW HEALTH LEGISLATION

Hon George Hoadley's bill to check up on the physical fitness of prospective bridegrooms is not as far-reaching as the measure was expected to be.

The bill, now under consideration by the Alberta Legislature, requires every male applicant for a marriage license to produce an affidavit of freedom from any social disease or a certificate of health from a medical practitioner, but the female contracting party is disregarded.

In this respect the bill is weak. Another weak point is the affidavit which will qualify the applicant if he cannot produce a clean bill of health from a doctor.

The bill is a step toward closer government supervision of public health, and we can expect improvements and more rigid restrictions in the future.

#### SAFEGUARDING FOODS

The Bassano Board of Trade passed a resolution today with very little fact, figure or information to support it.

The resolution had to do with the carrying of foodstuffs in trucks or express car together with animals or goods which might contaminate the foodstuffs or adversely affect their quality.

Not a single instance of contamination of foodstuffs or depreciation of quality of foodstuffs was cited. There was, in fact, no argument at all. The resolution was introduced by the committee appointed to investigate the matter and a motion was passed recommending the provincial Department of Health to investigate and legislate to prohibit such practice if found to exist.

Foodstuffs are always liable to contamination. Crates of fruits and vegetables are handled by men who may have tuberculosis, bad colds, venereal disease or many other diseases. A normally healthy man, even though he may be free of disease, can carry disease germs to another person. That danger is ever present, and there is no way of preventing it other than by the practise of good health measures.

Most animals are far healthier than humans. Valuable purebred animals which are shipped to a distant point by truck or train are always in perfect health. The danger of contracting disease from them is very small indeed.

The tainting of foodstuffs thru being transported in the same vehicle with gasoline or oil is quite possible. But here there is no danger from disease germs. It is simply a case of the taste of the

## The Week at Ottawa

(by Dr. F. W. Gershaw, M. P.)  
CENTRAL BANK

We lack the gear lever which will link up the machinery of production thru universal joints to the differential of consumption which will set in motion the wheels of progress. It is hoped that the Central Bank will so manage monetary affairs that some progress will be made towards supplying this lack.

The revision of the Bank Act was postponed one year to allow the Royal Commission to make a report on the whole banking and monetary problems. Thirty-six countries of the world now have central banks. They act as the depositories of government funds, government business is conducted on such a large scale as to seriously derange the money market unless steps are taken to prevent it the inflow of revenue causing scarcity and the paying out of the interest payments causing cashness of money.

The Central Bank must be a people's bank, must ensure that credit and note issue is controlled not for private profit but for public interest. The objective of price control in Canada would be the smoothing out of the peaks and valleys of our price history.

There are many factors, e.g. psychology etc. concerned but the general rule is "The purchasing power of money and credit varies inversely with the quantity in circulation." "A country requires the amount of money in circulation that will keep prices stable."

Canadian bankers have not been concerned about the amount of money in circulation.

Sweden is a country similar to Canada as it is off the gold standard, exports timber, produces food supplies and has no money market. With a government owned central bank they tried first, in the interests of public confidence to keep prices from going too high and second, to arrest the long standing downward trend. Weekly valuation and extensive records were kept re the price levels. They could not control the volume of money as there was no money market. They confined their efforts to interest rates. The Midland Bank Monthly says of Sweden: "It can be said that the internal purchasing power of the money unit has been kept stable partly by the deliberate action of the Central Bank. In view of this experiment an author reports: "Balancing the evidence available it seems fair to conclude that in general, at least, control of money and credit is possible; that prices can be regulated to a very profitable degree, and that extensive social advantages can be realized by such control."

As soon as the Bank of Canada is established all the chartered banks must turn over all the gold they have at the value of \$20.67 an ounce. The note issue privileges will be withdrawn from the chartered banks gradually - 5 per cent each year for five years, 10 per cent yearly for another five years, in all 75 per cent to be withdrawn in 10 years.

Canada officially reduces its gold coverage from 40 per cent to 25 per cent. This gives the Central Bank enormous powers of inflation.

The new Bank of Canada notes will be legal tender. Canada officially goes on the gold bullion standard. Bank of Canada notes will be redeemable in gold but not in smaller quantities than a bar containing two ounces worth at present \$13.60.

FOUNDER OF DOUGLAS SYSTEM COMING TO ALTA.  
EDMONTON, March 28. Major C. H. Douglas, British economist who is to explain his social credit system to the agricultural committee of the legislature will arrive here Friday, April 6, three days earlier than he had indicated previously.

#### ARGENTINA'S WHEAT POLICY CAUSES ALARM

LONDON, March 28. - What attitude will be taken by the Argentine government toward restrictive measures to lift world wheat prices was expected Wednesday to play an important role in deliberations of the international wheat conference, beginning in Rome next week.

Operations of the Argentine subsidy and trade statistics showing she is in danger of exceeding the year's export quota of 110,000,000 bushels by July 31, caused apprehension among representatives of other nations who attended a preliminary conference this week.

Foodstuffs being affected, such taste is disagreeable but not particularly harmful, and it is readily detected. A customer who buys foodstuffs so affected does not hesitate to tell the merchant from whom the purchase was made. The merchant must satisfy his customer, so he traces the trouble back to the truck driver or express man. He, in turn, must give satisfactory service to retain his business, and so the problem rights itself in a simple but effective manner.

## THE FACT FINDERS--and Their Discoveries

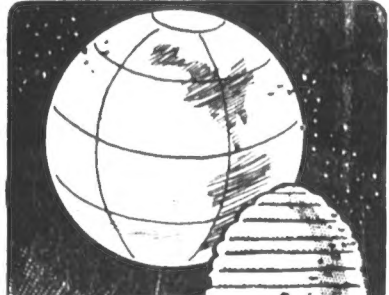
LET'S GET UNDER WAY, BOYS, FOR TODAY'S FACT FINDING VENTURES—EVERYBODY READY?



THE HISTORY OF MODERN LIGHTHOUSES DATES FROM THE BUILDING OF THE EDDYSTONE LIGHTHOUSE IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, 14 MILES FROM PLYMOUTH, 1757.



CALIFORNIA IS THE GREATEST RAISIN-PRODUCING COUNTRY IN THE WORLD—SPAIN IS 2ND—FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ALONE, EXCEEDS THE ENTIRE OUTPUT OF SPAIN.



ALTHOUGH THE HONEY-BEE HAS FOLLOWED THE WHITE MAN IN HIS MIGRATIONS FROM THE OLD WORLD TO THE NEW, ITS ORIGINAL BIRTHPLACE IS IN SOUTHERN ASIA.



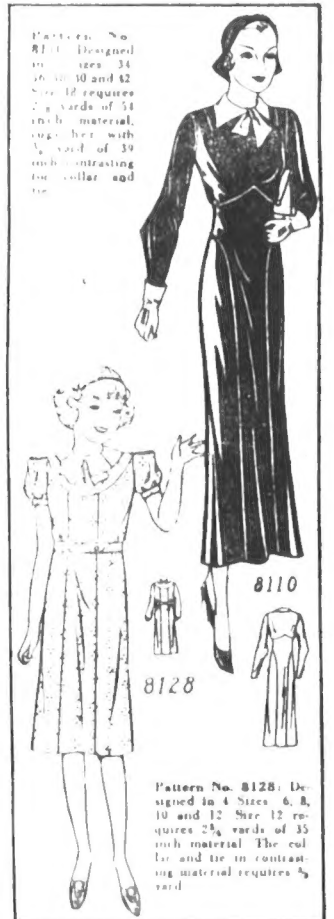
AMONGST THE BATAKS OF SUMATRA, BOYS WHEN OF AGE, HAVE THEIR TEETH REDUCED IN LENGTH (STUTTED BLACK) WHILE THE GIRLS TEETH ARE GRIND DOWN UNTIL LEVEL WITH THE GUMS.



AND SO ENDS ANOTHER JOURNEY—BUT—GUESS WE BETTER GET BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

## VERY LATEST

by PATRICIA DOW



Pattern No. 8110: Designed in 4 Sizes: 6, 8, 10, 12. Size 12 requires 2 1/2 yards of 54 inch material, long hair with 1/2 yard of 39 inch contrasting low collar and tie.

Pattern No. 8128: Designed in 4 Sizes: 6, 8, 10 and 12. Size 12 requires 2 1/2 yards of 35 inch material. The collar and tie in contrasting material requires 1/2 yard.

#### SLIM AND YOUTHFUL

8110. Black satin was chosen for this attractive model with white crepe for collar and tie. Slim lines and broad shoulders are featured here and a new sleeve. The skirt portions are cut with bodice section, reflecting a raised waistline, both youthful and becoming. Velvet, crepe, or the new rough weaves in silk or cotton may also be used for this style.

#### With Smart Collar

8128. And smarter to wear, so smart a dress as this one. It has a deep round yoke and the best of sleeves from which to choose. You may have it short and puffed with the coal loop at the top or correctly long to the wrist, and with a soft fullness above a hand cuff. The panel will make you look tall. You will like the collar with its crisp flat peaks, and the tie that you can wear as shown in the picture, or folded in smart effect. The new cotton prints or sheer woollens, also velvet are suggested for this style.

#### Mistaken

Manager: "Can you do the work?"  
Hefty Applicant: "Work! I heard yer wanted a foreman."

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## ORPHEUM THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY THIS WEEK

Will Rogers and Zasu Pitts in  
"MR. SKITCH"

Will and Zasu on a tin can tour. And where there's the Will, particularly with Zasu there's an unending laugh from the time they leave the old home in Flat River with the family heiress until they return—in triumph.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY NEXT WEEK

## "Rasputin and The Empress"

The Russian picture that caused the recent \$2,000,000 lawsuit in London, England. Don't miss it.



# HEALTH

by **Dr. J. H. M. D.**  
A HEALTH SERVICE OF  
THE CANADIAN MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION AND LIFE  
INSURANCE COMPANIES  
IN CANADA

## NO LONGER YOUNG

"Man does not die; he kills himself," said Seneca, the Roman philosopher, who apparently had observed that life is frequently cut short by faulty habits of living. Age is not a simple counting of birthdays passed. Some are physically old at forty; others are comparatively young at sixty. We have the records of many men and women who have been at their best, physically and mentally, after they had passed into the period of life which is commonly regarded as old.

Heredity plays a definite part in length of life. Most of those who attain to long lives can boast a list of ancestors who attained to a good age. Nevertheless, ancestry is not enough, for the heredity factor can be offset by bad habits, and length of days can be attained by many thru good habits in spite of a poor ancestry as regards long living.

Moderation is apparently the most important aspect to be considered. Plenty of rest, moderation in food and drink, reasonable physical and mental activity, together with a fair share of time spent in the open air—this is the prescription which would be written for those who wish to live long and enjoy good health while they live.

As we grow older there is a decrease in physical activity. Less food is required and, as the body begins to lose some of its vigor, it has not the old reserve to deal with indiscretions in diet which formerly caused no inconvenience. It was Sam Weller's father who remarked that "width and wisdom go together." The wisdom which he credited to older persons is not displayed by their increasing girth; this indicates rather a lack of wisdom in choice of diet.

The older person requires a balanced diet just as much as does the growing child or the young adult. It is well to make up this diet from the simpler and more easily digested foods, and to eat smaller amounts of all foods. Sweets should be cut down as they are often not readily digested and are then responsible for the formation of gas.

It is not intended to suggest that the older person should become a food crank and start to think that this or that food disagrees with him. However, personal experience is not to be disregarded, and when such experience shows that some foods are not readily digested, it is well to try if leaving them out of the diet will prevent the trouble.

It should be remembered that all foods require a thorough chewing before swallowing. This applies even to the well cooked, easily swallowed cereal. Another important point is that fresh vegetables are essential in the diet. In later years, fruits are usually best taken when baked or stewed.

Questions concerning health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College St., Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

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Eddie Cantor hailed a taxicab in New York recently, and after getting seated, he enquired of the driver, "What is a good movie to see today?" The driver replied, "By all means see 'Roman Scandals' with Eddie Cantor."

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## WHEAT

### Chile to Control Wheat and Fix Price

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### Wheat Position of Argentina

From the 1st of August, 1933, to date Argentina's exports have averaged about 2,300,000 bushels of wheat weekly making the total around 75 million. It is suspected that a similar amount is available for export but that country is restricted to 110,000,000 for export. This will leave a carryover of around 40 million bushels. From now on it is anticipated exports will slow up.

### Russia's Spring Grain Area

The sowing of spring crops has already started in the southern regions of the U.S.S.R., such as the lower part of North Caucasus and Middle Asia, according to the Berlin office of the Foreign Agricultural Service of the United States. As an experiment, sowings in frozen soil were also made in Crimea to the extent of about 20,000 acres. The 1934 spring crop acreage is expected to be smaller than that of 1933. The 1934 plan calls for 229,798,000 acres, as compared with 234,745,000 acres planned for 1933 and 230,070,000 acres actually sown. While the change in the total acreage to be sown this spring is apparently small, an increase in that of the chief grain crops is expected with a corresponding decrease in technical crops. This accords with the second five-year plan, of which 1934 is the second year. An increase of about 11 per cent in the barley acreage was planned, stated the Berlin report, for the purpose of increasing hog production.

While the usual complaints as to slow progress in making tractor repairs and other preparations for spring sowing work are reported by the press, it is said that 66 per cent of the necessary tractor repairs had been made by February 15, as compared with 41 per cent on the same date in 1933. However, since there will be more tractors in use this year, the situation is practically the same as last year, though the lack of spare parts has been a serious handicap in southern regions, especially where a large number of imported tractors are used.

### Premium for Canadian Wheat

Argentina exported 26,500,000 bushels of wheat in the first eight weeks of 1934 and Canada exported 26,100,000 bushels in the same period. James McAnsh, assistant commercial editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, points out that while exports were approximately the same from both countries, Canada received a much higher price for her wheat. The average premium obtained by No. 1 Northern from Vancouver over Rosate wheat was 23¢ in January and 26¢ in February. Twelve cents of the difference in price can be accounted for by the 6¢ British preference plus 6¢ difference in quality. Mr. McAnsh points out. It should also not be forgotten that the price obtained by Argentina wheat over seas bears no relationship to the domestic price.

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### COLD WEATHER NOTES

Look out for frozen drinking water. About two-thirds of every egg consists of water, so hens must drink relatively large amounts in order to keep up egg production. If there are no facilities for keeping the water warm in poultry houses, hot water should be supplied as often as necessary during the day in order to prevent freezing.

It is especially desirable to have water with the chill removed and a first thing in the morning most hens like to drink as soon as they are aroused. Don't force per-wakened early by cold water. Wait until later for a supply of drinking water.

Green foods such as lettuce, cabbages, and spinach should be fed all winter long, if possible. Green clover or alfalfa hay is good for fresh greens fall so they can be fed in root crops. But do not feed potatoes or frozen food.

Provide sufficient ventilation at all times to prevent moisture from gathering on the floor and walls. But avoid drafts in cold weather. Provide cloth curtains for the openings into the house so that the birds can be protected during heavy storm or zero weather without cutting off the supply of pure air.

The litter on the floor should be kept dry and clean.

In cold climates, the back and side walls of the poultry house should be covered on the outside with two-ply roofing paper.

It has been shown that increased egg production can be obtained by keeping the temperature inside the laying house above freezing at all times by artificial heating systems. Artificial heat, however, involves considerable expense and, apparently, the financial advantage is not sufficiently great to warrant its general adoption. It is more important to avoid sudden temperature changes, drafts, dampness, and bad ventilation.

Do not allow eggs to freeze. A frozen egg is a low quality egg because its white breaks down and the shell may be cracked. In cold weather collect eggs both noon and night.

### Proof

"I believe," said the cheery philosopher, "that for every single thing you give away, two will come back to you."

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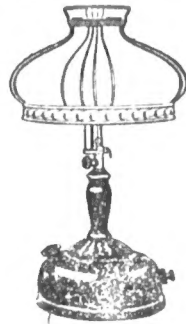
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## FINAL INSTALLMENT

"Nothing! Nothing!" the little man said tremulously. "As God is my witness, Simon, I never did a thing but keep my mouth shut. They can't hang me for that, can they? But thirty-two years of keeping my mouth shut! What do you think I ought to do, Simon?"

Why, if I were you, Abner, Simon Judd said, I'd tell the Brennan the whole story—straight and clear. I sure would. Tell 'em the honest truth. Abner, I'd bet on my chest and out of my soul for a quip as ever I could."

I don't know, I don't know," the little man muttered. Her head came down then and out upon the ground, and Simon Judd spoke to him half turning in his chair.

"Come over here, Richard," he said. "I want to tell you something. He knows pretty near the whole thing up to the murder, anyway. Go ahead now, Abner, tell 'em, how it was."

The little man pulled at his beard, frowning at his feet.

"But now, hold on a minute," Simon Judd said, suddenly. "We ought to let this Amy girl hear this, according to my notion. Seems like she has a right to know, ain't it so, Abner?"

Yes, she'll know it, anyway," the little man said, and Simon Judd went into the house to send Norbert to find the girl. She came presently, Robert Carter with her, and Simon Judd told her why she had been sent for. She and young Carter sat themselves and the girl looked anxiously from face to face. But the undertaker did not speak.

"Amy," Simon Judd said, when the silence had lasted a few moments, "I'm going to start the off-

because what I know I know. John Drane and me was boys together, born close to the same time, away back in 1853. John was born in '53 and Emily, his sister, dead upstairs there was born the next year, 1854. That's all the Drane's there was; there wasn't no Daniel Drane—his lady story. Who you are I don't know, but maybe Abner here can tell us that."

Anyhow, Amy, we three—me and John Drane and his sister Emily—grew up together out there in Riverbank. John never did get married, and in 1882 he went west and we lost track of him. I did anyway. What did he do out west, Abner?"

He got into copper and silver," Abner said. "He made a million." He made a million between 1882 and 1892," Simon Judd said. "But he never left there in Riverbank and in 1884 she married a man that came to town and started in the undertaker business. His name was Abner Dart, wasn't it, Abner?"

"Yes, I married her June 6th, 1884," Abner Dart said.

"And after a while she got to be a naggy wife," Simon Judd said. "She bore down pretty hard on Abner and quinched his spirit till he was no more than a worm. About eight years of that, until 1892, and then John Drane came home to visit her and see the old town. Hey, Abner?"

"He came home sick," Abner said; "and he came when Ella was sick. We carried him up to the house on a stretcher and put him in bed, and Ella got out of her bed and went and sat in a chair by his bed and they talked just the two of them. He had had a hard time in the west there, and sometimes he went for days without food, prospecting the hills with a man named Jarling, his partner. They found copper, and it was when they were both pretty well played out, it was a question whether they would either of them last until they could reach civilization. So they drew up a couple of papers, if either of them died all the other had was to go to the one left alive. John told Ella that as he lay there dying, and then he died."

"That night," said Simon Judd. "Yes, he died that night," Abner Dart said. "So Ella went back to her bed and sent for me, and she told me what to do. You remember old Doc Worley, Simon? Always drunk. He was drunk when we sent for him and we got him drunker, and he signed a death certificate and ended up that spree with the tremens. The rest was easy enough. You were at the funeral, Simon. You never guessed it was John we were burying when we said it was Ella."

"No, it fooled me easy enough," Simon Judd said. "Typhoid was what Ella had had, and they had cut off her hair and none of us had seen her since she was took sick. I thought how bad she looked, but that was all."

So we had 'John' get well," Abner Dart said. "We had him sick for a couple of weeks and then we had him get well enough to walk around with a cane, and presently he was well enough to leave town."

I went to the station with him myself, handed him in one of my rigs," Simon Judd said. "We talked about when we was kids. I was fooled, black my cats!"

She went to Chicago, Ella did," Abner continued. "and after awhile, when she had gathered up the loose ends of John's affairs, she came down to New York and got settled here and I failed in business the way we had arranged and came to West. And she gave me money to start in again. For a month or two we pretended to be strangers to each other, then we 'got acquainted' and I was the only close friend she had, and she was the only friend I had. She began speculating in Wall Street and did well—she was a wonderful woman that way. But all the while she was worried. That old partner of John's, Jarling, kept her worried all the time. She could never find him—a word of him now and then and he was lost. It might be five or ten years between times and then she would hear he was alive and then no more news of him for a long stretch."

"And if Jarling knew the real John was dead he could claim a million or so, hey?" Simon Judd asked.

"That's what worried her," Abner Dart said. "She got so she thought more of money than of her life. And then—"

He stopped and hid his face in

his hands.

"She poisoned the first one," Simon Judd supplied.

"Yes, the first," Abner Dart said so weakly that they could hardly hear him. "The first was a housekeeper she had, named Caroline Barstell. She was a sickly old thing and believed in ghosts she thought she was a medium and had second sight but she was keen. She was keen the way fortune tellers are when they study a person and then tell them what their past has been and what their characters are. She told Ella right out to her face she was a woman. That night Mrs. Barstell had a fit and died."

"Ella had poisoned her?"

"Yes, and that was the first. That was what started Ella getting the sick ones from the hospital. Dr. Blessington made no trouble over the Barstell's woman's death, he said she had been in danger of death at all times."

Abner Dart was silent a moment. "There were nine others," he said hoarsely. "Nine others. When Ella suspected that one of them believed she was a woman, that one died."

"And who is Amy, Abner?"

Before Abner Dart could answer Simon Judd's question the silence was broken by cries and loud noises within the house, and Brennan leaped for the door and ran inside. For a brief period the noise continued, then it was silenced and Brennan came out again.

"That Maggie cook was cutting loose," he said. "She has been drinking more but I took the stuff from her and she promised to be a good girl. Did you say who Amy was, Dart?"

"She's a Drane," Abner Dart replied. "Along during these last years Ella complained a good deal because she had never had a child. It bothered her mind. She talked to me about it. She worried because we were old and there would be no one to leave the money to, and I told her to adopt a child. She used to go away when she was sick; she went to Hot Springs when she had appendicitis; she couldn't let the doctors here handle her illness, of course, so she went away. She went to California on one of the trips when she thought she was going to be sick, and she heard of

a Drane there and tried to find him—his name was Silas, but he had died and his wife had died and they had left this baby. So Ella adopted it. That is Amy. That is all we ever knew about Amy. She was a great comfort to Ella, these years, especially these last months."

"Well, black my cats, I'm glad to know there was some good in the woman, anyway!" Simon Judd exclaimed. "Did she make that will she was talking about, leaving the money to Amy?"

"Yes, and she was going to give Amy a fine sum when she married. We liked Bob Carter. It was like ending with something clean after a lot of villainess to know we would leave these two when we went," Abner Dart said. "It did not pay, Simon. She made a mistake. Ella did. She wasn't happy and I wasn't happy. John Drane's money did her no good and it did me no good. I'd have enjoyed life more just being a second rate undertaker out there in Riverbank, burying some old friend now and then, and going along rice and easy."

Amy was weeping now, crying gently, and Bob Carter, sitting in the arm of her chair was trying to comfort her. Norbert, coughing, came to the door. He seemed to think Brennan was in charge of the house, for he spoke to him.

"If you please, Mr. Brennan," he said, "George Firmandick has just gone and died all of a sudden, an' Maggie is startin' to carry on mighty bad."

"Where is she?" Brennan asked. "She's up in his room ova the garage," Norbert said. "an' she won't let nobody come up. She's got hold of a knife and I reckon she's gone plum crazy."

"I'll be out there in a minute," Brennan said. "Have the two officers go out with you, will you? Hurry now! I just want to ask Mr. Dart a couple of questions."

Norbert hurried away, coughing as he went, and Abner Dart made a gesture of despair with his hand and his face became sadder than ever.

"Last night," Brennan said, "when Carter here went thru the library, Dart, you said to Ella to John Drane, if you please something like 'Don't do it! I warn you not to! or 'I'm against it; remember what I say.' Something of that sort. What did you mean by that? Were you warning your wife not to let Amy marry Carter?"

"No," Abner Dart said hollowly. "Oh, not that; never that! We both wanted that."

"Then it wasn't over that you and Ella Drane quarreled last night after Simon Judd went to bed?"

"You know we quarreled then?" Abner Dart asked dully.

"We know it," Brennan said. "Why did you not stay the night as had been arranged?"

For a full minute Abner Dart did not answer, and when he did it was

in the voice of one talking in his sleep.

"I'm old! I'm old! And I'm tired! A man can stand so much and then he can stand no more. I had thought she was thru with her killing and that we might have a few years of peace and gentleness before we died. But she told me there—in there, last night—that another had to die; another had come to believe she was a woman. George the chauffeur, had George Firmandick had. She told me last night that George must die before morning and that was what I was begging her not to do. That was why we quarreled. That was why I went away last night. I told her I was thru with her—thru forever!"

"Dart," Brennan demanded sharply, "do you know who killed Ella last night?"

"No! I do not know!" the little man said, shaking his head. "If I knew I would tell you, I—"

One of the police officers interrupted this time, coming around the veranda, walking firmly on his broad soles.

"Brennan!" he said, motioning to the detective with a finger.

"What is it, Joe?" Brennan asked. "The cook lady, Maggie Maney, her name is, had a bad spell and passed out up yonder in the chauffeur's room just now," the officer said. "I don't know was she right in her mind or not, but she was shoutin' that the dead woman had killed the chauffeur. She was shoutin' that the dead woman was murderin' all that guessed she was a female, sir, and that last night she saw the dead woman—who was not yet dead, you understand, Brennan—givin' George some drops, at which time the cook was in the chauffeur's closet, I'm sorry to say."

"And—" said Brennan questioningly as he closed his notebook and dropped it in his pocket. "And the last words the cook shouted before she passed out," the officer said, "was to the effect that she had murdered this late John Drane, now known to be a female, using a knife as the implement, the object of the crime being revenge, and the crime being actuated by love and affection for the said George Firmandick, now deceased."

"Write all that down before you forget any of it, Joe," Brennan said, "You'll have to give that to the Grand Jury, possibly."

"If I ain't," Simon Judd said placidly, "it won't be my fault."

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## Youngsters Travel Alone



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Billy Anderson, 14, and his four sisters, left to right above, Ena, Blanche, Greta and Gwen. Greta, the youngest, is only six.

Few youngsters of his age are ever called upon to chaperone four young sisters on a 5,000 mile journey, but Billy shouldered his responsibilities like a man. He was shepherd, guide and constant

census-taker of his little flock. The children are going to live with their grand-parents at Purley, near London. Canadian Pacific representatives and the Traveller's Aid Society cared for them en route. On board the Duchess of York the little girls were looked after by a motherly head-stewardess.

## New Marketing Bill May Benefit Farmers

TORONTO, March 28. Almost unanimous approval today greeted the Dominion Government legislation to vest in a federal marketing board control of transportation, exportation, and marketing of Canada's natural products. Five provinces prepared to bring down supplementary legislation and a sixth indicated it would follow suit.

Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Ontario minister of agriculture, said he would launch supplementary legislation today and greeted the Dominion administration's bill as "the finest bit of legislation the Ontario farmer could hope for."

In Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia similar moves are under way. Premier L. P. D. Tilley of New Brunswick said his province could co-operate with the Dominion order-in-council as it already has a marketing board.

Approval of the west was general. Premier J. E. Brownie of Alberta described the bill as "on the whole quite satisfactory." E. D. Barrow, former British Columbia minister of agriculture, said "it contains all the fundamentals for orderly marketing."

W. E. Kaskins, president of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, said the bill was "entirely satisfactory," and that it brought renewed hope to Okanagan Valley growers.

The new bill is a straight co-operative scheme with directional guidance. It provides the simple mechanism for organizing the Canadian farmers into a country-wide co-operative movement, but co-operating toward better production alone and leaving distribution in existing private hands when, in the judgment of the government, are able to function more efficiently and more cheaply than any agency set up by the government.

The idea back of the legislation is fundamentally that salvation for the agriculturist lies in his becoming a better producer. Toward such an end the government is prepared to lend every assistance.

The organized producer will not be in a position of having to throw upon the market his commodity, butter, for instance, when the prices are lowest, and then watch prices recover and soar during the winter season while speculators who store the butter profit.

The government will advance him money against his butter, enabling him to store and carry it himself, thus tending toward greater stability of price levels.

The sole check upon the present distributing agencies under the new act is the power which the government takes to investigate and regulate the price spread under which they operate.

## How to Grow Early Potatoes

In order to produce early potatoes the sprouting of the seed tubers has been employed with varying results, but most of those employing sprouted seed agree that some gain has been made. The sprouting should be done in diffused light and under conditions where the temperature can be maintained around 50 to 55 degrees F. The growth should be slow so as to develop sturdy, stout buds.

As a rule seed potatoes sprouted in the open become withered badly before planting time arrives. An experiment has been tried at the Central Experimental Farm whereby the seed tubers are placed in flats, or shallow boxes and sand filled in around the tubers. These flats are fitted with four blocks, one in each corner, one inch square and projecting two inches above the edge of the box. These blocks facilitate the stacking of the boxes one on top of the other, allowing light to enter and permitting the application of water when desired.

Water is applied to the sand at intervals as required by means of a watering can with a piece of half inch hose attached to the spout.

The boxes may be stacked in the potting shed, in the corner of the kitchen or even in a warm cow barn. Four or five weeks will produce well sprouted and rooted material, that when planted out of doors will start growth at once, when the soil warms up. Plant to a depth of four inches and cover the tip of the buds with about half an inch of soil. Potatoes sprouted in this way will come thru the sprouting process perfectly firm.

The yield from the various treatments were as follows: with whole small potatoes being used as seeds dormant tubers planted yielded when dug July 25, 44 pounds, a second digging August 16, 55 pounds. In all cases 60 hills were dug for comparison. Sprouted in flats, with the tubers stood on the stem and when dug July 25, 45 pounds, a second digging August 16, 70 lbs. Sprouted in sand in flats, the sand being moistened, yielded July 25, 74 pounds, a second digging Aug. 16, 108 pounds.

The sand sprouted tubers out yielded those sprouted by other methods.

One of the drawbacks with the tubers sprouted in the sand and fully rooted is that they must be dropped in the rows by hand. The increased earliness and larger yield compensates for this.

### Bilingual Climbing

Frenchman: "Ah, you climb the Matterhorn! That is a feat to be proud of."

Englishman: "Pardon me, sir; you mean 'feat.'"

Frenchman: "So you climb it more than once, eh?"

### Writes About Poultry



Fuller D. Baird, noted poultry nutritional expert, will contribute a special article to this newspaper each week, under the title of "Success With Poultry." The first article appears in this issue. We believe all owners of poultry will find this series very helpful. (Editor.)

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ETRAITS, any flavor, 2 oz. bottles 2 for 25c; 4 oz. size, 2 for 59c  
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Ladies' Kayser Chamoisette, in fawn shades, all white.

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Fine leather belts; colors black, green, red, brown, with fancy buckles.

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Collar attached, in blue, fawn, and green broadcloth.

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See the new counter book; bigger and better than ever; new spring styles

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**FRUIT SPECIAL:** 1 can Strawberries, heavy syrup, 1 can Raspberries, 1 can Red Cherries, 1 can Plums, all for 69c

**CANNED VEGETABLE SPECIAL:** 1 can Tomatoes, 1 can Peas, 1 can Wax Beans, 1 can Corn, all for 59c

**COFFEE, Braid's Big 4 Coffee, 1 lb vacuum tin special 39c**

**SOAP, pure Castile, large bar 25c**

**COFFEE, Star Special, 4 lbs. \$1.00**

**TEA, Broken Orange Pekoe, per lb. 50c**

**COCOANUT, fancy quality, colored per pkg. 25c**

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**RHUBARB, hothouse, 3 lbs. for 25c**

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### LOCAL NOTES

Miss Patsy Hunter, of Medicine Hat, has been visiting in Bassano, guest at the Moorhead home.

Gordon R. Coulson, of the Coulson Construction Co., Calgary, was a business caller in Bassano last Saturday.

The household furniture of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bond was shipped last Saturday to their new home in Hanna.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Birnie were Saturday visitors in Calgary.

Mrs. J. Hood and three sons went to Calgary last Friday evening for a week's visit with Mrs. Hood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Forward.

Tom McKenzie, rancher on the river south of Cooness, returned last Friday from Brandon where he sold a number of horses.

Leo Walsh, Chet Powell, and Stewart Holmes returned this week from Neepawa, Manitoba, where they sold a bunch of work horses.

Walter Deegan, who has been in the gold mining district near Barkerville, B. C., since last summer, is suing for payment of a contract job he undertook there.

The Reimche family have left for their new farm home near Benalto, central Alberta.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Greaves, Majorville, on Tuesday, March 27, at the Bassano Hospital.

Mrs. Geo. Murdoch attended the southern district conference of the Women's Institute in Calgary last Wednesday and Thursday as delegate from the Bassano W. I.

Mrs. A. Flanagan of Hutton is assisting in the training and selection of Bassano candidates for the school music and dramatic festival to be held in Strathmore next May.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Little Doris Cote, of Howie, east of Cessford, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Wednesday at the local hospital.

Mrs. E. A. Holland, of Hussar, is a patient in the hospital.

Henry Ramer, Duchess, is a patient in the hospital. He underwent an operation last Monday.

### GOLF MEETING SOON

President H. G. Ankell has called the annual meeting of the Bassano Golf Club for Monday, April 9, at 8:00 p.m. in W. K. Webb's office.

### COMMUNITY SALE SATURDAY

Auctioneer A. A. MacGregor's community sale will be held in Bassano Saturday, March 31, starting at 1:00 o'clock p.m. Listings for this sale should be left with the auctioneer or R. A. Travis, clerk.

### KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. John Hart, Minister. Sunday School at 11 a.m.

Worship at 7:30 p.m. Sermon subject for Easter, April 1st, "The Meaning of the Empty Tomb."

Join us in Easter devotion and praise.

### WANT ADS

DON'T FORGET THE DOROTHY STAMPEDE, May 24th.

LOST - 2 BLACK GELDINGS, weight about 1350 each, one branded left hip.

the other branded left hip.

Both government branded left hip.

\$5.00 a head reward for information. John Schiffrer, Cluny.

36-37 p.

FOR SALE Brand new Coleman gasoline kitchen range, never been used. An ideal stove for town or country in hot summer weather. Apply at The Bassano Mail office.

FOR RENT - FOUR ROOMED HOUSE, newly papered throughout, sewer and water. Enquire of Dr. B. E. Barlow, Bassano.

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39c a yard

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The fashionable material this season for Dresses, Suits, Coats, and Sports Wear. Guaranteed fast and fadeless. Comes in six pretty pastel shades; 36 inches wide.

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## Ladies' Hats

in all the latest models and colors now on display.

one price only - \$2.50

### Potter's English Prints

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A soft beautiful material with fast washing colors; pretty blended colorings; 36 inches wide.

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## Men's Wear Section

### TIP TOP CLOTHES

MADE - TO - MEASURE

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The season's colors—Russet and Tawny Browns, Silver, Hazel, and Slate Greys, and the ever popular Navy; fine checks and smart, jaunty pin stripes.

Never was it easier to be well dressed.

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### Men's Felt Hats

For spring and summer; fine All Fur Felt Hats; lined and unlined. Come in the very newest shapes, with narrow snap brims. New colors of oyster, pearl, light fawn and brown.

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### Men's Dress Shirts

The new wonder cloth—"RIPPLESHEEN"—with the wearing qualities of rich poplin and the beautiful appearance of silk broadcloth. Pre-shrunk, with Sta-set attached collars; in all the new plain colors, sand, grey, green, blue, helio, and white.

\$2.00 each

### Men's Dress Sox

Here is a traveller's sample lot of fine pure botany wool sox, worth 75c a pair, come in check and stripes, colors, fawns, and greys, offered at

45c a pair

3 pairs for \$1.30

## GROCERY SPECIALS

Good Values for March 31 and April 2

JAM, pure Bramble, Purity brand, 4 lb tin 63c

MARMALADE, Keiller's Little Chip, 12 ounce glass jar 23c

WHEAT TOASTIES, ready to serve, 20 ounce packet 20c

WHOLE WHEAT GRITZ, makes delicious porridge 6 lb bag 35c

SODAS, A. G. Handy Sodas, wooden box, 44 ounces 39c

BISCUITS, Paulin's fresh Sandwich Assorted per lb 25c

CORN MEAL, new stock 10 lb sack 45c

BISCUIT MIX, Swansdown—biscuits made in a jiffy per pkt. 33c

CANNED FRUIT SPECIAL, 1 tin Raspberries, 1 tin Pears, 1 tin Sliced Pineapple 3 tins for 63c

CATSUP, Clark's Tomato, 2 bottles 35c

CANNED VEGETABLE SPECIAL, 1 tin Tomatoes, 1 tin Pork and Beans, 1 tin Golden Bantam Corn 3 tins for 47c

TEA, A. G. Economy, best value in tea today per lb 45c; 3 lbs. for \$1.29

COFFEE, Economy blend, fresh from the roasting ovens, per lb 33c; 3 lbs. 95c

LAUNDRY SPECIAL, 4 bars White Naphtha soap, 1 pkt. Ammonia Powder, 1 tin Lye, 1 pkg. Silver

Gloss Starch all for 53c

TOILET SOAP, Wright's Coal Tar 4 bars for 29c

### Fruits and Vegetables

Fresh supplies of all seasonable lines arriving for the week-end. HEAD LETTUCE, CELERY, TOMATOES, NEW CABBAGE, RHUBARB, ORANGES, LEMONS, GRAPE FRUIT, BANANAS.

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